

W2ASACT 2022 Spring Workshop

Water

Wastewater

&

Solid Waste

Action

**Coordinating
Team**





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“MRWS” – 42 Years!

&

No Snow!



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Brief Background History on Montana Rural Water...

Tiber County WD

Hill County W/S District

Oilmont County Water



Lockwood W/S District

South Chester WD

October 1979 – 5 Original Members

Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc.





MRWS Provides:



- **Technical Assistance to Water & Wastewater Utilities**
- **Class Room & Virtual Training** throughout Montana
- **Rate Structuring** to pay for O&M, new plants and infrastructure improvements
- **Regulatory Updates** (Water & Wastewater)
- **Updates to System's VA/ERP** (Vulnerability Assessments / Emergency Response Plans)
- **Apprenticeship Training Program** for new water & wastewater specialist





Training Topics

- Leak Detection
- Safety
- Pumps & Motors
- Valves & Hydrants
- Source Water Protection
- Lead & Copper, PFAS/PFOS, & CCR Revisions
- Sampling & Monitoring
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing
- Rate Structures & Record Keeping
- Operator Training





MRWS Staff



- Water Circuit Riders (3) – Dennis, Leo & Bobbie
- Wastewater Technicians (2) – Bill & Robin
- Training Specialist/TA Provider (1) – Julie
- Source Water Specialist (2) – Kristi & Kyla
- Technical Assistance / Trainer (1) – Roger
- Apprenticeship Coordinator (1) – Lynora
- Resource Specialist (1) part-time - Barb
- Office Manager (1) – Tanya





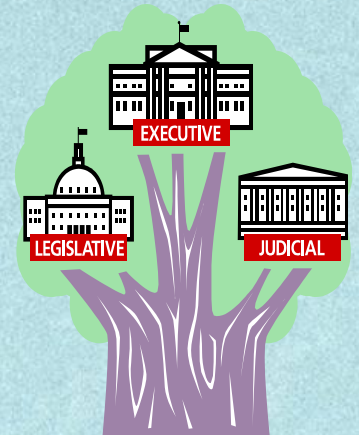
MRWS Funding

- National Rural Water Association
 - USDA/Rural Development
 - USDA/Farm Service Agency
 - EPA
- State of Montana
 - Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- System Membership
- Associate Membership



Who Do We Work With?

- ✓ **USDA/Rural Development**
- ✓ **EPA & DEQ**
- ✓ **State Funding Agencies**
- ✓ **Suppliers**
- ✓ **Engineers and Consultants**
- ✓ **Most Importantly – MT Water & Wastewater Utilities**



Funding Agencies in MT



MT Dept. of Commerce

- ☐ Community Development Block Grant Program & the
- ☐ Treasure State Endowment Program

MT Dept. of Environmental Quality



- ☐ State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation

- ☐ Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program



USDA / Rural Development

- ☐ Grant & Loan and Planning Grants



MT Board of Investments

- ☐ INTERCAP



MRWS...Helping Montanan's and their Utilities!





2022 Theme Infrastructure: “Build or Rebuild the Future of Water”



**Montana Rural Water Systems
Technical Conference and Exhibition Show**

March 23 – 25, 2022 / Heritage Inn / Great Falls, MT

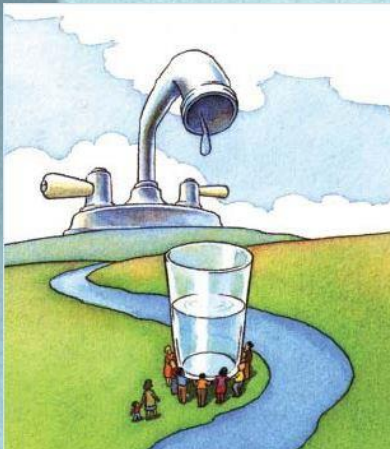
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